

Sunday School

REVIEW.

March 21, 1909.

Golden Text.—“They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.”—Acts 8: 4.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God, and the giving that worship and glory to any other which is due to Him alone.

DAILY HOME READINGS.

M.—Acts 1: 1-14. T.—Acts 2: 1-21.
W.—Acts 2: 22-47. Th.—Acts 4: 1-22.
F.—Acts 5: 17-33. S.—Acts 8: 4-25.
S.—Acts 8: 26-40.

I. THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.

Acts 1: 1-11.

Golden Text.—“It came to pass while he blessed them he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.”—Luke 24: 51.

II. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2: 1-11.

Golden Text.—“I will pray the Father and He will give you another Comforter that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.”—John 14: 16, 17.

III. THE BEGINNINGS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Acts 2: 32-42.

Golden Text.—“They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”—Acts 2: 42.

IV. THE LAME MAN HEALED.

Acts 3: 1-16.

Golden Text.—“His name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know.”—Acts 3: 16.

V. THE TRIAL OF PETER AND JOHN.

Acts 4: 5-20.

Golden Text.—“They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spake the word of God with boldness.”—Acts 4: 31.

VI. TRUE AND FALSE BROTHERHOOD.

Acts 4: 32—5: 11.

Golden Text.—“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are his delight.”—Prov. 12: 22.

VII. THE APOSTLES IMPRISONED.

Acts 5: 17-32.

Golden Text.—“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”—Matt. 5: 10.

VIII. STEPHEN THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR.

Acts 6: 8-15; 7: 54—8: 3.

Golden Text.—“They stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”—Acts 7: 59.

IX. THE GOSPEL IN SAMARIA.

Acts 8: 14-25.

Golden Text.—“The people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”—Acts 8: 6.

X. PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN.

Acts 8: 26-38.

Golden Text.—“Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me.”—John 5: 39.

XI. AENEAS AND DORCAS.

Acts 9: 31-43.

Golden Text.—“And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole; arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.”—Acts 9: 34.

LESSON COMMENT.

Our Lord Jesus Christ just before his ascension gave to his disciples a program for their work, told them how they were to receive the power for that work and indicated the field of operations. “Ye shall have power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth.” The work was to be a campaign of testimony, they were to tell what they had heard and seen; the power was to be theirs by the coming of the Holy Ghost, which was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost; and the field was to be the world. The lessons we have had during the past quarter have shown us the beginning of that program. It has really been a time in which the disciples have been slowly grasping the significance of the program. It was difficult to get them to see the world-wideness of the Gospel. It took a severe persecution to start them out from Jerusalem on the work they had been given to do. About the best review to be had will be to consider what each incident contributes to the unfolding and working out of the program.

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IT'S MY BROTHER.

I met a slender, little maid, a rosy burden bearing;
“Is it not heavy, dear?” I said, as past me she was hurrying.
She looked at me with grave, sweet eyes, this fragile little mother,

And answered as in swift surprise: “O, no, sir; it's my brother.”

We larger children toil and fret to help the old world onward;
Our eyes with tears are often wet, so slowly he moves sunward.

Yet did we all the secret seek of this dear little mother,
Unwearyingly we'd bear the weak, because he is our brother.

—Exchange.

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE.

He held the lamp of truth that day
So low that none could miss the way;
And yet so high, to bring in sight
That picture fair—the world's great Light—
That, gazing up, the lamp between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He held the pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below;
Then raised it to the weary saint,
And bade him drink when sick and faint.
They drank—the pitcher thus between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He blew the trumpet soft and clear.
That trembling sinners need not fear;
And then, with louder note and bold
To raze the walls of Satan's hold.
The trumpet coming thus between,
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

But when the Captain says, “Well done,
Thou good and faithful servant—Come!
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp;
Lay down the trumpet—leave the camp.”
These weary hands will then be seen
Clasped in those pierced ones, naught between.

—Exchange.